



# The Da'luk

WIYOT TRIBE AWARDED \$3,000,000 FOR AFORDABLE HOUSING



Eureka— 12/11/2024 — The Wiyot Tribe's Dishgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust is pleased to announce it has been selected to receive a \$3,000,000 grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines) through the competitive Affordable Housing Program (AHP).

Dishgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust's grant award for **Laqilh Hou Daqh** (where the elders are) elders housing project, sponsored by Umpqua Bank, supports the construction of 52 rental affordable housing Units at 6th and L Streets in Eureka. Securing this \$3,000,000 towards our Laquih Hou Daqh Project which is located at the City of Eureka "Parking Lots to Affordable housing" program site at 6<sup>th</sup> and L Street brings us closer to the total estimated project development cost of \$17,758,607.00. "Affordable housing is a critical issue for Wiyot people, the cost of housing is pricing our people out of our ancestral lands," said Brian Mead Tribal Chair. "Living on a fixed income our Laqilh (elders) are the most vulnerable," he continued. The development at 6th and L Streets is intended to serve independent elders who seek smaller units, community amenities, and proximity to community services and transit.

The competitive AHP encourages collaboration between FHLB Des Moines member financial institutions and housing organizations to create affordable housing solutions for families in need. "FHLB Des Moines is very honored to play an important role in enabling communities across our district to be strong and vibrant places to live and work," said Kris Williams, President and CEO, FHLB Des Moines. "Our housing and community

# **Gock Wuck “Knowledge”**

Submitted By: Michelle Vassel

development programs are central to our mission.” There were 244 applications requesting \$419 million submitted with 55 of those being approved for \$100.3 million. For a complete listing of all the AHP award recipients for the 2024 Round, please visit [www.fhlbdm.com](http://www.fhlbdm.com).

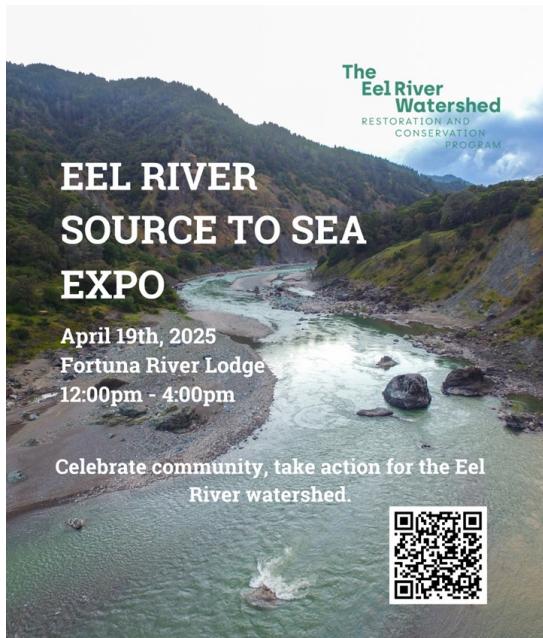
Each year, FHLB Des Moines returns 10 percent of its net income annually to assist with housing needs throughout its district, consisting of 13 states and three U.S. Pacific territories. In 2024, 55 AHP applications were approved for a total of \$100.3 million. Since inception of the competitive AHP in 1990, FHLB Des Moines and its members have helped facilitate approximately \$835 million in funding to benefit more than 95,500 families through new construction and rehabilitation of owner-occupied or rental housing.

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## About Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines

Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines is deeply committed to strengthening communities, serving 13 states and three U.S. Pacific territories as a member-owned cooperative. We work together with over 1,200 member institutions to support affordable housing, economic development and community improvement.

FHLB Des Moines is one of 11 regional Banks that make up the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Members include community and commercial banks, credit unions, insurance companies, thrifts and community development financial institutions. FHLB Des Moines is wholly owned by its members and receives no taxpayer funding. For additional information please visit [www.fhlbdm.com](http://www.fhlbdm.com).



Mark your calendars Saturday, April 19th for the Eel River Source to Sea Expo at the Fortuna River Lodge! This event is hosted by CalTrout in partnership with the Rotary Club of Eureka. The event is 12pm – 4pm. There will be talks and tables in anticipation of the future removal of Scott and Cape Horn Dams. WNRD will have tables sharing knowledge on gou'daw, or Pacific lamprey, and forest restoration among Wiyot ancestral forests.



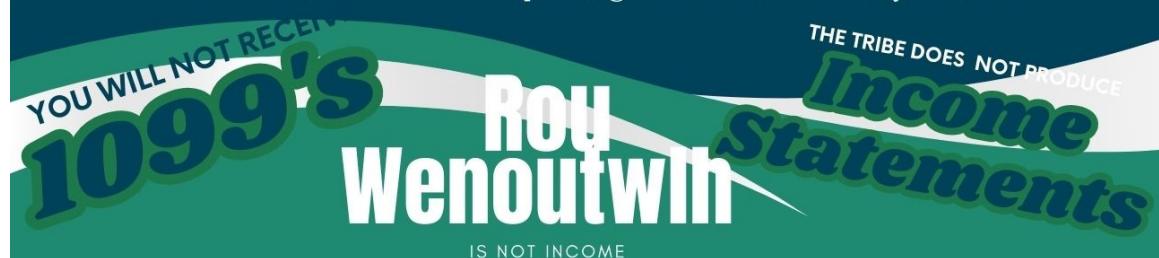
# TAX INFORMATION

The Wiyot Tribe issues Rou Wenoutwlh (all are well) payments, these are General Welfare Assistance payments and **are not considered taxable** income from the IRS. The Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014 added Section 139E to the Internal Revenue Code. This section excludes the value of any Indian general welfare benefit from gross income.

As this is a federal law, on February 12, 2016, the County of Tehama challenged the federal law and requested a policy/regulation interpretation of the law to State assistance programs. The state found Per MPP 63-506 (b) and Public Law 113-168 Indian General Welfare benefits are excluded from the households gross income and do not have to be reported to State assistance programs.

Many of our Tribal citizens unaware of the law report these payments to the IRS, and State assistance programs in error. Some Tribal citizens report that their children have Trust Funds in error. Half of the minors' funds (approximately less than \$400 per year) are held by the Tribe until the minor child turns 18 and graduates' high school or turns 21 and requests the funds. A Trust fund requires that trust beneficiaries must pay taxes on income and other distributions from the trust, but not on the principal from the trust's assets. Rou Wenoutwlh payments are not Trust funds, not considered income, they are considered General Welfare payments, and they are not accessible to the parent and are not reportable to State Assistance programs.

There is one exception to this rule, the Social Security Income (also known as Disability), a federal program considers Income is any item an individual receives in cash or in-kind that can be used to meet their need for food or shelter. Income includes, for the purposes of SSI, the receipt of any item which can be applied, either directly or by sale or conversion, to meet basic needs of food or shelter. This includes all unearned Income which is all income that is not earned such as Social Security benefits, pensions, State disability payments, unemployment benefits, interest income, dividends, and cash from friends and relatives. For those Tribal Citizens who receive Social Security Income (Disability), the Rou Wenoutwlh payments must be reported and will be deducted from future SSI checks. In collaboration with the Social Security Administrations the Tribe offers the Fixed Income Utility payment program that pays a non-essential utility such as cable, cell phone, dish, etc. in lieu of a check, this program allows Tribal Citizens to receive the benefit of Rou Wenoutwlh without impacting their Social Security income.



# **Soulatuk Hougougou' wurruwisugu'l "bringing the Wiyot language back to life"**

Submitted By: Lynnika Butler

## **Soulatluk Hou Gou Gou'wurruwisuqu'l**

*the language of the Wiyot people*      its      again      coming to life

**Ve Goutgudaluqh, 2025**  
*January (the first month")*

### **ANA SOULATLUK CURRICULUM AND LESSONS**



#### **■ Douwa daqh?**

In December, Lynnika and Nina continued Soulatluk lessons at Loleta Elementary. The class learned Unit 4: **Douwa daqh?** (*Where does it live?*), in which students learned the names of habitats, such as **lalilh** (*the river*) and **shou'r** (*the ocean*). Students reviewed the animal and people vocabulary they learned in Unit 2, and they practiced saying where different animals live. We recently posted Unit 2's final project, which is a video featuring students' work in Soulatluk class; scan the QR code at right to watch and listen 😊



 You can now find a downloadable/printable PDF of our Unit 4 language content at <https://www.wiyot.us/446/Ship-Dalouy> or by scanning the QR code at left with your phone. Please feel free to use this for your own self-study, or just to keep up with what your **tsek** (child/ren) have been practicing at school.

**NOTE:** Email [Lynnika@wiyat.us](mailto:Lynnika@wiyat.us) if you would like copies/links to content from previous units.

### **BIA LANGUAGE VIDEO GRANT**

Our language video grant wrapped up at the end of the year. If you didn't get a chance to see some of the videos created by tribal members and staff at the **Lhatsik Harutkshi'** (Moving Stories) film festival on Nov. 30 (or if you want to see them again), check out the Soulatluk YouTube channel at <https://qrco.de/bcp2NB>, or scan the QR code →



Videos will also be introduced via social media starting this month and will be added to the YouTube channel as they are rolled out (so check the YouTube link regularly!). We hope you will enjoy (and learn from) them, and that they will help build your interest in Soulatluk! We also hope that these videos will inspire more community members to work on language videos in the future: we have the cameras, iPads, and knowledge gained from this project to help you create videos for whatever aspect of Soulatluk you'd like to share with each other.

### **IMLS PLACE NAME MAPPING GRANT**

As announced in the Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center article, Lynnika will be presenting a progress update on the place name mapping project on January 25. We hope to make it a hybrid format so that folks who live out of the area or can't make it to Jaroujiji (aka Eureka) can join us online; keep an eye out for links and more information on the Cultural Center web page (<https://www.wiyot.us/155/Da-Gou-Rou-Louwi-Cultural-Center>) and on the Tribe's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/TribeWiyot>).

### **VIRTUAL SOULATLUK LESSONS IN JANUARY**

Wiyot people anywhere of all ages are welcome to join us Wednesday, January 8 & Wednesday, January 22 from 4-5 p.m. Please check the calendar at <http://www.wiyot.us/Calendar.aspx> (or scan the QR code at left) for the Zoom link.



# Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”

Submitted By: Audrey Jackson

## IAQ – Indoor Air Quality – What you need to know

### USES AND BENEFITS OF AN AIR PURIFIER

Improves Air Quality: Removes pollutants such as dust, pollen, pet dander, and smoke.



Enhances Respiratory Health: Beneficial for those with asthma or respiratory issues by providing cleaner air.



Reduces Allergens: Helps alleviate symptoms of allergies by filtering out airborne allergens.



Prevents Mold Growth: Reduces mold spores, reducing the likelihood of mold growth.



Eliminates Odors: Removes unpleasant odors from cooking, pets, and smoke.

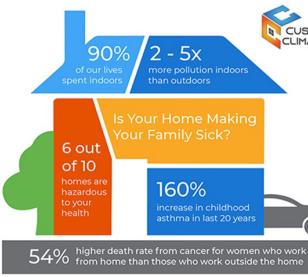


Indoor air quality is important to understand, why you may ask? Because it affects all of us. Who is most affected by indoor air quality; individuals with chronic respiratory issues, people who suffer from allergies, and most of all children. Some major pollutants that may have negative impacts on IAQ are mold, carbon monoxide, particulate matter, moisture in the air (water vapor), cigarette smoke, etc. There are many things that one can do to protect and improve indoor air quality. Some key actions you can take include ventilation, outside landscaping, air purifiers/filters (HEPA approved), keeping furniture off outside walls, controlling moisture, ect. Ventilation is a major way to help increase the quality of air indoors. What this means is, assuring all appliances are being properly ventilated, using the vent hood when cooking (as cooking releases a lot of moisture), using the fan when showering, and continuing use for approximately 30 minutes after you have stopped that activity. Moisture is a major problem when it comes to mold growth. Moisture in combination with particulates in the air (dander, pollen, smoke, dust ect.) can lead to the growth of mold. One way to monitor moisture in your home is through a relative humidity meter. The proper humidity for inside a home is somewhere between 30-50%. Anything more than 50% tends to develop mold, which can exacerbate respiratory illnesses. Some individuals believe raising plants indoors is one way to improve the quality of air inside your home, unfortunately, there are some studies that dispute this belief. If you use a wood burning stove this could be a huge contributor that affects your IAQ. While replacing a wood burning stove can be costly, so are chronic health conditions like asthma or bronchitis. Older wood burning stoves can release 40-60g of smoke per hour, while newer EPA certified stoves release 2-5g of smoke per hour. A couple of ways to improve the function of your wood burning stove without having to replace it would be by assuring the wood that you are burning is dry, less than 20% moisture is ideal (you can test this with a moisture meter), and using a thermometer to ensure you are burning at an optimal temperature (270-450°F). Carbon monoxide is also something to be aware of when it comes to indoor air quality, it can be hard to detect by one's senses alone since it is tasteless, odorless, and colorless. One easy way to mitigate the dangers of carbon monoxide in the home is by installing a carbon monoxide detector, which can reduce the risk of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning by up to 50%. In California carbon monoxide detectors should be certified by a national testing lab such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and approved by the office of the state fire marshal. Particulate matter (PM) is a mixture of solids and liquids suspended in the air, they can vary in shape, size, and composition.

Various things that may be suspended in the air include metals, solid or dust particles, soot, salts, allergens, such

as fragments of pollen or mold spores, acids, such as sulfates and nitrates, and smoke. All of those things in combination with the naturally moist environment we live in creates quite a hospitable environment for the growth of mold. PM is known to cause adverse health effects, reducing function of the lungs, perpetuating asthma problems, and can cause heart disease. Air purifiers are a great way to improve IAQ. A HEPA approved air purifier can clear dust, pollen, and other airborne allergies from the air, increase circulation in areas of the home that are poorly ventilated, reduce excess moisture in the air, eliminate mold spores from the air (suppressing the growth of mold). It is important to

remember to switch out your air filter regularly to maintain its proper function. If you happen to use a furnace, regularly replacing the air filter is another easy way to protect air quality. Reach out to the WNRD for more information about IAQ today! ajackson@wiyot.us



# **Shawir Darrudaluduk “We Belong to the Wilderness”**

Submitted By: Audrey Jackson

## Clean Water Act – 319-Using Plants to Protect Water Quality

On Friday, November 15th you may or may not have seen fisheries technicians Audrey Jackson and Tiffany Douglas, and forestry technician Natalie Calderon at various points around the reservation getting some seedlings and saplings settled into their new home.



As a part of our grant funding from the Clean Water Act 319, the Wiyot Natural Resource Department (WNRD) is to assess and address sources of nonpoint source pollution and improve the function of the Tribe's wetlands. One of the most important functions of any wetland is its ability to filter out pollutants from water. Some other vital functions of wetlands are sediment trapping and chemical detoxification. The WNRD is pursuing several ways of building the effectiveness of Table Bluff Reservation wetlands by planting native plant species. These native plants will aid in sediment trapping during storm events when runoff is high and help maintain clean ground water. Some of the species we planted along with some of their Soulatluk names include wit-red alder (*Alnus rubra*), badura-bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*), thimbleberry (*Rubus parvifolium*), Oregon crab apple (*Malus fusca*), cascara (*Frangula purshiana*), huwutshi-red flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*), shagha'wi-kinnikinnick (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*), Douglas iris (*Iris douglasiana*), sticky monkey flower (*Diplacus aurantiacus*), chainfern (*Woodwardia fimbriata*), du'k-Sitka spruce. Each of these species are native to the area and most are well suited for wetland environments, but can also be found in uplands. All of the species planted hold cultural significance and traditional uses. Since many of these plants are deciduous, we will be performing wellness checks to gauge the progress of these plants in the spring. The WNRD will continue to provide updates on these plants and their success and productivity moving forward.



Salmonberry in its new home at TBR

# WIYOT TRIBE IS HIRING

Wanna join our team?

- Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center Youth Development Supervisor
- Da Gou Rou Louwi' Cultural Center Youth Docents
- Part Time Receptionist
- Solid Waste Technician
- Forest Specialist



*For application, job description and additional information contact Wiyot Tribe Human Resources at online at:*

*<https://www.wiyot.us/Jobs.aspx>  
or email  
humanresources@wiyat.us*

*Resume's and CV's are not accepted without a signed application*

*Positions are open until filled*

*Native preference applies to Native American applicants under section 7(b) of Public Law 93-638.*

# **Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center**

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

## **Happy New Year DGRLCC Visitors!**

We hope your holidays were full of joy and laughter! Come on by the cultural center to escape the cold of January. Here is a look at what we have going on this month:

Join us at **Arts Alive** on **January 4<sup>th</sup>** from **6pm-9pm** for the opening of our **new exhibit: Wiyot Traditional Foods!** This exhibit has been curated by our youth docents and will feature displays about some of the traditional foods that Wiyot people enjoy! We will also have an interactive display for you to share your favorite foods and recipes! Interaction can take place in-person or online via our Facebook page.

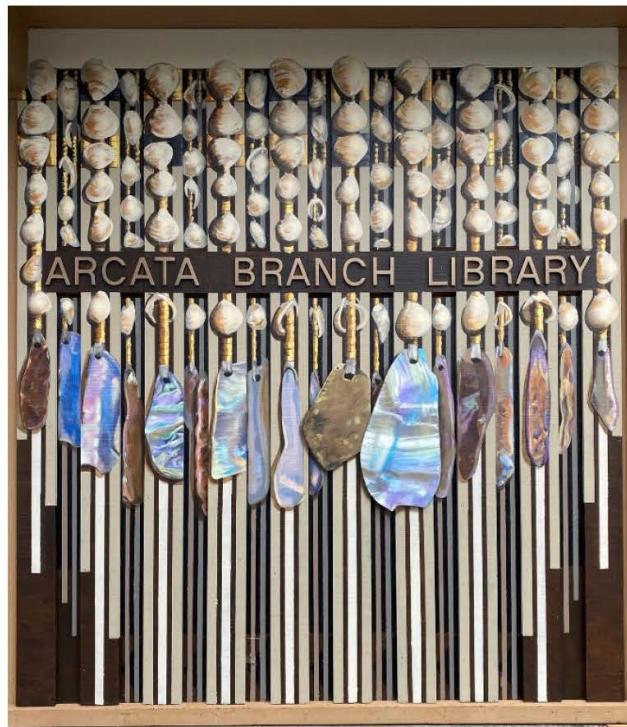


We will be having a **Language Talk** with **Dr. Lynnika Butler** here at the cultural center, **on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm**. The talk will be an introduction/update on the Soulatluk Placename Project as well as an open discussion on Native renaming of places. We will be live streaming this talk on Facebook so those who cannot make it down to the cultural center can still attend. Check our website and social media pages for updates on the date and time.

Looking for a way to say thank you for the gifts you received over the holidays? Well

come on down and check out our card selection in the gift shop! We still have plenty of items to choose from for those new year birthdays including jewelry, apparel, literature, and more! **Through the month of January, we are offering a 10% discount on your entire purchase!** This month we also want to highlight a **new mural at the Arcata Branch Library** by artist David Mata! There will be a Q&A with artists, date and time TBD. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or check the tribe's website for updates!

**Arcata Library:**



# **Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center**

Submitted By: Jazzmin Fontenot

500 7th Street  
Arcata CA 95521  
(behind Arcata City Hall)  
707-822-5954  
[arcata.humlib.org](http://arcata.humlib.org)

## **About the Artist:**

Working predominantly with acrylic and oil paints. David Mata is a self-taught Mural Artist based in Eureka CA. Mata was born and raised in Arcata CA and is of Karuk, Yokuts and Chumash descent. He goes by the artist's name of ipak which means "to return" in Ararahih, the Karuk Language. Though he has done art his entire life, he is finally returning to art after dedicating twenty years to the fire service. He often looks to traditional native knowledge as well as inspiration from his three daughters when creating his work. Most recognized for using realistically painted basket patterns in his work as well as paintings that are both whimsical and realistic. He has occupied several physical spaces including permanent art collections at United Indian Health Services in Arcata CA, McKinleyville Family Resource Center and Trinidad Rancheria.

## **About the Mural:**

This painting was inspired by the Mid 1800's Wiyot dress which has finally made its journey home from the Brooklyn Museum in 2020. Made with a foundation of deer, bear grass, maiden hair fern, and adorned with clam and abalone. These elements, through careful observation with a cultural lens, in my interpretation were applied as a direct result of the dress makers knowledge and personal understanding of their life experiences. Acrylic paint applied to mid-century board and batten vertical exterior elements emphasize the intricate planning of the dress through a magnified image. Strategically located at the entrance of the Arcata Branch Library, a hub of knowledge, allowing it to capture abundant daylight and bask in the warm glow of the sunset. The use of pearlescent paint enhances the visual experience; as viewers approach from the west during the evening, the abalone shells reflect the light, creating a dynamic interplay of illumination.



## **Gou' wil Da Lalouluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

# **CALL HHS TO SEE IF WE CAN HELP!!**

## **How can the Homeowner's Assistance Fund work for you?**

The Wiyot Tribe Homeowner Assistance Fund program can help qualified households that have had hardship because of and since the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic to assist with the following: (applicants must meet certain requirements):

### **Payment Assistance for Homeowners:**

**Mortgage Payments**

**Utilities**

**Principal Reduction**

**Internet**

**Insurance**

**Taxes**

**Down Payments**

**Loans**

Find the application on the Tribe's website <[www.wiyot.us](http://www.wiyot.us)> or call the HHS Dept Social Work Advocate for more info at 707-733-5055.

# **Gou'wil Da Lalouluwuk 'Taking Care of People'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

**The NCIDC Low-income Home Energy Assistance  
Program (LIHEAP) program for Wiyot families in  
California is coming soon!**

**Provides support for your energy bills, including:**

- ◆ Electricity
- ◆ Gas—natural, propane
- ◆ Firewood (must follow the Men's Camp pricing & reside in the Tribe's service area for delivery)

**Look for a notice in the February Newsletter for the  
opening announcement!**

**Contact the HHS Department Social Work Advocate at  
707-733-5055 if you have any questions.**

# **Gou' wil Da Lalouluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed



## January 2025 Laqilh Haluni' (Valued Elder) Lunch Menu

| Dagagawi' (Sunday)           | Dagoushipga'w (Monday)   | Darritvewi'gurr (Tuesday) | Darrikvewi'gurr (Wednesday) | Darra'vewi'gurr (Thursday) | We'sagh dahuluvewi'gurr (Friday) | Dagaseghurr (Saturday) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Office Closed              | 2 Pork chops potatoes    | 3 Turkey wrap             | 4                           |                            |                                  |                        |
| 5 Salmon rice                | 6 Venison stew pan bread | 7                         | 8 BBQ chicken               | 9 Chef salad               | 10 Veggie pasta                  | 11                     |
| 12 Turkey sandwich           | 13 Tuna casserole        | 14                        | 15 Spaghetti salad          | 16 Chicken wrap            | 17 Pork chops rice               | 18                     |
| 19 Elk stroganoff            | 20 Split pea soup        | 21                        | 22 Turkey meatloaf potatoes | 23 Salmon potatoes         | 24 BBQ meatballs                 | 25                     |
| 26 Zucchini chicken stir-fry | 27 Veggie lasagna        | 28                        | 29 BBQ pork sandwich        | 30 Shepherds pie           | 31 Tuna wrap                     |                        |

Laqilh Haluni' "Valued Elders (age 55+)" Meal Program (enrolled Native Americans)

For a Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays) meal delivery within 25 miles from Table Bluff Reservation,  
please call the HHS Dept. for more information at (707) 733-5055.



# **THANK YOU!!!**

## **WIYOT TRIBAL CITIZENS!!!!**

The Incentives drawings for the Needs Assessments  
were on **Friday, December 20, 2024.**

The Health and Human Services Department drew  
THREE (3) names from each Assessment group

**The Process for the Drawings were as follows:**

- Open envelope, remove NA
- Verify Tribal membership
- Determine the proper category
- Utilizing two-part tickets, attach first part of ticket to envelope
- Place name on the second part of ticket and place in proper category -box

**After opening and verification of all NA's:**

**Proceed to drawing the three names from each category**

# **Gou' wil Da Lalouluwuk 'taking care of people'**

Submitted By: Valerie Reed

# *Congratulations!*

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## **Child 6 – 11 Years of age**

|   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – backpack                | Winner: Layla Powell   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Small Pendleton blanket | Winner: Justin Buckley |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$75.00 Gift Card       | Winner: Dylan Mead     |

## **Youth 12 – 24 Years of age**

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Pendleton backpack | Winner: Parker Shumard |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Pendleton blanket  | Winner: Hailey Mead    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$200.00 Gift Card | Winner: Alyssa Evenson |

## **Adult 25 years and over**

|                                      |                       |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Pendleton blanket  | Winner: Ted Hernandez |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Pendleton blanket  | Winner: Elaine Angell |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - \$250.00 Gift Card | Winner: Alzada Duncan |

**After all winners have been drawn the process will be:**

- Notify winners in each category
- Set up time for pick-up (photo requested)
- Citizens who live more than 50 miles from the reservation prizes will be shipped or mailed (photo requested)

# PECHANGA POW WOW

**FIREWORKS  
SATURDAY AT 7PM**

GRAND ENTRIES Fri 8pm  
Sat 1pm, 8pm | Sun 1pm  
BIRD DANCING Sat 5pm to 7pm

## 2025 HEAD STAFF

### EMCEES

Bart Powaukee  
Howie Thomson

### ARENA DIRECTORS

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### DRUM BOSS

Jason Whitehouse

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George Abeyta

### HEAD WOMAN JUDGE

Jodi Archambault

### HEAD MAN

Jonah Jackson

### HEAD WOMAN

Loreal Ellenwood

### HEAD YOUNG MAN

Justus Cree, Jr.

### HEAD YOUNG WOMAN

Naliya Littlechild

### TABULATOR

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## SINGING CONTEST

### INVITED DRUMS ONLY

1ST \$14,000 2ND \$12,000  
3RD \$10,000 4TH \$9,000  
5TH \$8,000 6TH \$7,000  
7TH \$6,000 8TH \$5,000

### INVITED DRUMS

BLACKLodge, BLACK BEAR,  
DESCENDENTS, SHARPSHOOTER,  
SOUTHERN BOYZ, SOUTHERN THUNDER,  
WHITE TAIL BOYZ, YOUNG SPIRIT



FOR MORE INFO: powwow@pechanga.com or call 888-PECHANGA

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PECHANGA RESORT CASINO  
45000 Pechanga Parkway  
Temecula, CA 92592



JANUARY 3-5, 2025

## DANCE CATEGORIES

### ELDERS (70+) Women's Combined

1ST \$1,000 2ND \$800 3RD \$600 4TH \$400 5TH \$200

### GOLDEN AGE CATEGORIES (50-69)

Men's No. Traditional, So. Straight, Grass, Fancy

Women's No. Traditional, Southern, Fancy, Jingle

1ST \$1,000 2ND \$800 3RD \$600 4TH \$400 5TH \$200

### SENIOR ADULTS (35-49) • JUNIOR ADULTS (18-34)

Men's No. Traditional, So. Straight, Fancy, Grass, Chicken

Women's No. Cloth, No. Buckskin, So. Cloth, So. Buckskin,

Contemp Jingle, Old Style Jingle, Fancy Shawl

1ST \$1,000 2ND \$800 3RD \$600 4TH \$400 5TH \$200

### TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17)

Boy's No. Traditional, So. Straight, Fancy, Grass, Chicken,

Girl's No. Traditional, Southern, Jingle, Fancy Shawl

1ST \$300 2ND \$200 3RD \$100 4TH \$50

### JUNIOR CATEGORIES (6-12)

Boy's Traditional, Fancy, Grass • Girl's Traditional, Jingle, Fancy

1ST \$200 2ND \$100 3RD \$50

## DANCE SPECIALS

### MEN'S TRADITIONAL SPECIAL (18+)

By Jonah Jackson and Family

### WOMEN'S NORTHERN TRADITIONAL SPECIAL (18+)

By Loreal Ellenwood and Family

### GIVING BACK TO THE CIRCLE - GRASS SPECIAL ( 21 UNDER)

By Justus Cree Jr and Family

### WOMEN'S SOUTHERN CLOTH SPECIAL (ALL AGES)

By Naliya Littlechild and Family

## PECHANGA'S SHOOTOUT SPECIALS

### MEN'S SOUTHERN STRAIGHT (18+)

1ST \$1,000 2ND \$800 3RD \$600 4TH \$400 5TH \$200

### WOMEN'S CONTEMPORARY VS OLD STYLE JINGLE (18+)

CONTEMP: 1ST \$1,000 2ND \$800 3RD \$600 4TH \$400 5TH \$200

OLD STYLE: 1ST \$1,000 2ND \$800 3RD \$600 4TH \$400 5TH \$200

OVERALL: 1ST \$500 2ND \$300 3RD \$200





For Office Use only:

Date of received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Drug Test: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Fingerprints: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions Available for election are:

\*Secretary (2026-2029)

\* Councilmember at Large (2026-2029)

Nominations open January 2, 2025  
and close on January 15, 2025 @  
4pm. 1000 Wiyot Dr. Loleta CA  
95551 or fax (707) 733-5601

Email: [councilsupport@wiyot.us](mailto:councilsupport@wiyot.us)

A. *This Nomination for a candidate for the Tribal Office must be signed below by the person making the nomination.*

I nominate (print name): \_\_\_\_\_

For the office of (print office and term): \_\_\_\_\_

in the Wiyot Tribe Tribal Election to be held on April 5, 2025.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

B. *This nomination must also be signed by the person nominated as a candidate:*

Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Background: (Relations, number of Tribal meetings attended, Committees or Boards:

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I agree to uphold the Code of Conduct for the Tribal Officers. I agree to drug testing within 48 hours of the election and to a background check as required by the Constitution, and I understand that failure of either will mean immediate removal from office. I agree to write at least one article for the newsletter (due no later than the 15th of January for publication in the February newsletter) and/or attend and speak at one Town Hall meeting before the election. I agree to uphold the purpose of the Tribal Council, and make my decision in the best interest of the Tribe.

Signature of nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

# January 2025

| Sun | Mon  | Tue | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|-----|--|---|-----|-----|
|     |  |     | 1<br>Tribal Office closed<br>New Year's Day                            | 2<br>Nominations open<br>Secretary & Council member @ Large | 3   | 4   |
| 5   | 6  | 7   | 8  | 9   | 10  | 11  |
| 12  | 13<br>BCM 4pm  | 14  | 15<br>Nominations<br>Secretary & Council member @ Large<br>close @ 4pm | 16  | 17  | 18  |
| 19  | 20<br>Tribal Office closed<br>Martin Luther King Holiday | 21  | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25  |
| 26  | 27   | 28  | 29   | 30  | 31  |     |

# Gock Wuck “Knowledge”

Submitted By: Fawn Lopez

Anderson, AJ  
Atkins, Grady  
Atkins, Jennifer  
Boyce, Elodia  
Braaten, Jan L.  
Burrus, Timothy  
Cooper, Sharon  
Crawford, McKenzie  
Crawford, Shayla  
Creech, Liam  
Deyarmie, Timothy  
Evenson, Darrell Jr.  
Fuentes, Makai  
Green, Gail  
Greenberg, Katie  
James, Henry  
James, Isaiah  
James, Kota J.  
James, Shane  
Johnson, Rylee  
Lange, Spencer R.  
Meyers, Deanne  
Miller, Cataleia M.  
Nichols, Tammie  
Norman, James  
Osterman, Jeneene  
Pedro, Anthony  
Pike, Marie  
Rasco, Darrell  
Reyes, Flemette  
Roberts, Jeremy  
Roper, McKenzie  
Rossig Roth, Karter A.  
Rossig, Kimberly  
Rossig, Wyatt A.  
Steen, Brenna Rebecca  
Stephenson, Alexandra H.  
Thomas, Payton  
Tompkins, Elaine  
Wade, Kirsten  
Wall, Wyatt  
Wheeler, Patty  
Wilkinson, Asher  
Wilkinson, Thomas



Woodhurst, Jimmy  
Woodhurst, Vincent  
Wyland, Alexandra  
Zacha, Jackie



***Did you move and forget to change your address?***

***Address changes can be faxed (707) 733-5601 or Emailed:***

***addresschange@wiyot.us***

***If your address isn't up to date you may not receive your quarterly Rou Wenoutwilh payments, newsletter and other important Tribal mail. Also, when changing your address make sure to include children who are part of your household.***

***Please note there is a \$25.00 charge for a stop payment to replace checks lost in the mail. This is a recovery fee for the bank charge to stop payment on the check. To avoid this fee keep your address up to date wait 90 days from the date the checks were mailed out to reissue another Rou Wenoutwilh check.***



## Da Rou Gawok "Everyone working Together" Administration

Michelle Vassel.....Tribal Administrator  
Gary Markussen Jr.....Council Support  
Fawn Lopez...Executive Assistant  
Hazel Garcia.....Receptionist  
Farzad Forouhar .....Finance Manager  
Julian...Accounts Payable Specialist

## Gou'will da lalouluwuk "Taking care of People" Health And Human Services Department

Valerie Reed.....Health & Human Service Director  
Robert Pitts Jr.....Social Work Advoate  
Liz Edwards.....Laqilh Haluni (Elders Advocate)  
Brian Bolden .....Transportation Driver  
Vanessa Rios..... Laqilh Haluni (Cook)  
Dr. Rita Wafler.....Licensed MFT

## Dishgamu Community Land Trust

Michelle Vassel.....Director  
Donna Wilson.....Property Manager  
Jack Kennard.....Project Manager

## Lhatsik Houmoulu'l "Cultural Department

Ben Brown.....Da Gou louwi" Director  
Dr. Lynnika Butler .....Linguist  
Nina Lorence.....Soulatluk Curriculum/Data Specialist  
Jazzmin Fontenot.....Da Gou Rou Louwi' Manager  
Sadie Hall.....Da Gou Rou Louwi" Docent  
Josh Rosewolf....Da Gou Rou Louwi' Docent  
Brian Mead Jr.....Da Gou Rou Louwi' Docent

## Ga'muluk Hagu'n Public Works Department

Ted Hernandez.....Public Works Director/THPO  
Sebastian Rios Moreno.....Grounds Keeper  
Dakota James.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance  
Brian Mead.....Water Operator in Training/Maintenance

## Tsek Houdaqh Education Department

Elizabeth Hernandez .....Director  
Melinda Ramirez.....Youth Program Assistant

## Shawir Darrudaluduk "Natural Resources Department"

Adam Canter.....Natural Resources Director  
Tiffany Douglas.....Fisheries Technician  
Marissa McGrew.....Natural Resources Technician  
Vacant.....Forest Resources Specialist  
Natalie Calderon.....Forestry Technician  
Lindsey Abernathy .....Climate Specialist

## Wiyot Tribal Council

Brian Mead .....Interim Tribal Chairman (2025-2028)  
Brian Mead.....Vice Chairman (2023-2026)  
Marnie Atkins.....Secretary (2021-2025)  
Vanessa Rios.....Treasurer (2024-2027)  
Vacant.....Council Member ( 2021-2025)  
Hazel Garcia.....Council Member (2024-2027)  
Leo James .....Council Member (2025-2028)



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# **Change of Address Request Form**

This is to confirm that my new mailing address is as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Names Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Children who will be effected (legal name and Date of Birth):

Signature:

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Lolleta, CA 95551

